

4. "Be anxious for nothing but ... let your requests be made known to God; and the PEACE of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds." (Philippians 4:6-7)

5. "Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, Peace to you." (Luke 24:36)

Knowing God as our Heavenly Father means that we can enjoy inner peace. It does not give us immunity from the every day problems of life. However, it does mean that we can share our concerns with Him and experience His help in every situation.

#### WHAT A DIFFERENCE HE CAN MAKE!

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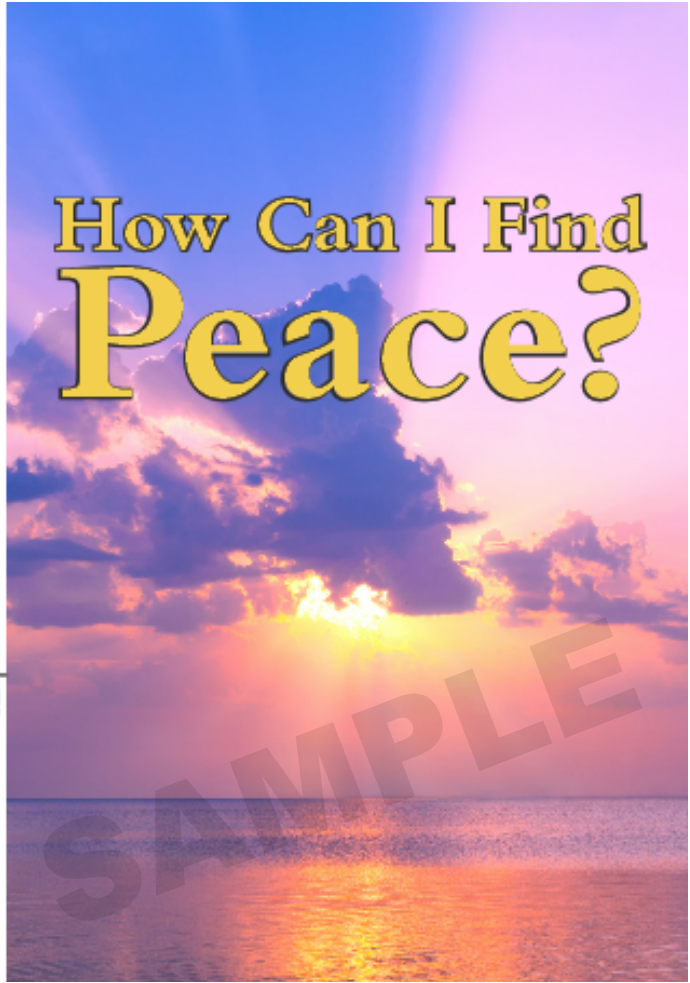
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# How Can I Find Peace?



**PEACE!** It seems to be in short supply these days!

Where can we find *PEACE*? There seems to be conflict in every area of life and *PEACE* is as elusive as ever! Think about it:-

- Wars are being fought in many parts of our world despite all the efforts of the United Nations and the presence of 'Peace-Keeping' forces.
- In our own country, there is much conflict, with racial tensions, strained industrial relations, protest groups fighting for many causes and so on.
- In many families and homes there is unrest, with broken or strained relationships, and a generation gap that often seems unbridgeable.
- Even on a personal level, we cannot find peace. There seems to be an in-built restlessness with many turning to drugs or drink in an attempt to calm the inner conflict.

Is this something we simply have to accept or is there an answer? If there is an answer, where can we find it?

Millions of people in the world have found *PEACE* through proving the truth of the Bible. It is still the world's best seller and it has much to say about *PEACE*. Christians know that the Bible is God's message for all ages and their lives have been transformed by its message.

Think about the following truths from the Bible.

**1. "There is no PEACE, says the Lord, for the wicked."** (Isaiah 48:22)

Guilt is often the reason for a lack of peace. Conscience is still a powerful force despite the moral uncertainties that surround us. Guilt is the result of breaking God's laws. Because of that we justly deserve His eternal punishment. Forgiveness is what we desperately need.

**2. "But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been made near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our PEACE..."** (Ephesians 2:13,14)

Sin, of course, does not only alienate us from one another, it also separates us from God. But it is possible for us to be forgiven and, consequently, reconciled to God, because Christ died for sinners like us upon the cross, taking the punishment that our sins deserve.

**3. "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."** (Romans 5:1)

If we truly repent of our sins, confess them to God and receive Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, God is ready to pardon us and give us a new start in life with Him in control. The Bible calls this being born again!